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SUBJ: ISRAELI ACCESS TO US ARMS AND CO-PRODUCTION RIGHTS

1. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE, IN ANTICIPATION OF QUESTIONS FROM SYRIAN LEADERSHIP, ABOUT PRESS REPORTS CONCERNING WHITE HOUSE ASSURANCES TO CONGRESS THAT ISRAEL WILL HAVE ACCESS, ON SAME BASIS AS NATO ALLIES, TO ADVANCED US MILITARY TECHNOLOGY AND CO-PRODUCTION RIGHTS.

2. ISRAELI PRESS MAY 13 HAS STRESSED "TOTAL VICTORY" FOR ISRAEL AND "UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER" BY US ADMINISTRATION ON BOTH QUESTIONS. (TEL AVIV 3409). ISRAELI PRESS ASSERTS THAT PRESIDENT HAS AGREED HELP ISRAEL MANUFACTURE ITS OWN TANKS AND PROMISED TO LOOK INTO ISRAELI COMPLAINTS
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ABOUT UNFAIR TREATMENT ON THE ISSUE OF F-16 CO-PRODUCTION RIGHTS. ARTICLES FURTHER ASSERT THAT ISRAEL WILL BE INCLUDED AS A PREFERRED ARMS RCIPIENT IN THE SAME SPECIAL CATEGORY AS THE NATO ALLIES.

3. SPECIFICALLY, WOULD APPRECIATE ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING ANTICIPATED QUESTIONS:

A) IS ISRAEL NOW DEFINITELY INCLUDED FOR THESE PURPOSES IN CATEGORY OF NATO ALLIES?;

B) IF NOT YET INCLUDED, DO WE ANTICIPATE PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION TO THIS EFFECT?;

C) IF PRESIDENT DOES SO DETERMINE, WHAT WILL IT MEAN IN TERMS OF ISRAELI ACCESS BOTH TO US TECHNOLOGY AND CO-PRODUCTION?;

D) WILL EACH ISRAELI REQUEST FOR ARMS AND CO-PRODUCTION BE REVIEWED ON CASE BY CASE BASIS SEPARATELY FROM WHAT EITHER HAS BEEN OR WILL BE GRANTED TO NATO ALLIES?;

E) WHAT OTHER COUNTRIES OUTSIDE OF NATO WILL RECEIVE SAME TREATMENT?
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